

# **Fidelity China Special Situations PLC**

31.12.2022 Monthly Factsheet

# Investment Objective

To achieve long-term capital growth from an actively managed portfolio made up primarily of securities issued by companies listed in China and Chinese companies listed elsewhere. The Company may also invest in listed companies with significant interests in China.

# **Investment Trust Facts**

Launch date:	19.04.10
Portfolio manager:	Dale Nicholls
Appointed to trust:	01.04.14
Years at Fidelity:	27
Total Net Assets (TNA):	£ 1,305m
Ordinary shares in Issue:	491,396,315
Share price:	240.00p
NAV:	265.55p
Discount:	9.62%
Gross Market Gearing:	25.5%
Net Market Gearing:	23.6%

## **Performance Comparator**

Market Index: MSCI China Index (Net)

The same index is used in the positioning tables on this factsheet. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results. The value of investments can go down as well as up and you may get back less than you invested.

# Cumulative performance in GBP (%)



Performance is shown for the last five years (or since launch for funds launched within that period).

# Portfolio Manager Commentary

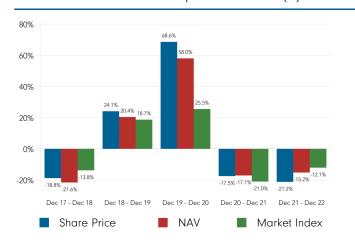
Sentiment towards the Chinese equities market was poor over the year due to concerns over the property sector and the continuation of its Zero-COVID policy. Sentiment worsened and many investors reduced their exposures following the 20th Party Congress, which seemed to be overdone. Nonetheless, a faster and earlier-than-anticipated border re-opening plan, which marks the end of Zero-COVID policy, has rapidly turned around investor sentiment in China. A shift towards a pro-growth stance by the Chinese authority, which suggested more supportive economic measures, improves the country's economic outlook.

The peak of new regulatory reforms, particularly in China's internet space, is now behind us. Chinese authorities have laid out the framework around areas such as anti-monopoly, data protection, data sharing and cross-selling within an online ecosystem. Valuations for many such companies have moved to historical lows and look compelling vs their global peers.

Over the last few months, biopharmaceutical companies embroiled in geopolitical tensions, including WuXi AppTec and Hutchison China MediTech, declined. Challenging market conditions and weak sentiment weighed on Noah Holdings. Nonetheless, the holding in Pony.ai advanced.

Over the 12 months to 31 December 2022, the Trust's NAV fell by 15.2%, underperforming its reference index, which delivered -12.1% over the same period. The Trust's share price fell 21.2% over the same period.

# Performance for 12 month periods in GBP (%)



# Performance to 31.12.22 in GBP (%)

	1m	3m	YTD	1yr	3yr	5yr	Since 16.04.10*
Share Price Cumulative Growth	8.6	7.9	-21.2	-21.2	9.6	10.5	178.5
NAV Cumulative Growth	6.7	8.6	-15.2	-15.2	11.0	4.8	206.9
Index Cumulative Growth	4.2	5.3	-12.1	-12.1	-12.8	-10.9	70.3
Share Price Annualised Growth	-	-	-	-	3.1	2.0	8.4
NAV Annualised Growth	-	-	-	-	3.5	0.9	9.2
Index Annualised Growth	-	-	-	-	-4.5	-2.3	4.3

Basis: bid-bid with income reinvested, in GBP, net of fees.

Market indices are sourced from RIMES and other data is sourced from third-party providers such as Morningstar.

# Key Risks

The value of investments can go down as well as up and you may not get back the amount invested. Overseas investments may be more volatile than established markets. The shares in the investment trust are listed on the London Stock Exchange and their price is affected by supply and demand. The investment trust can gain additional exposure to the market, known as gearing, potentially increasing volatility.

<sup>\*</sup>Performance commencement date.



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# Equity Exposure % Total Net Assets (% TNA)

	Exposure (% TNA)
Gross Market Exposure	125.5
Net Equity	121.3
Other	-4.1
Uninvested Cash	0.0

Notes on Portfolio Construction and a description of how data is calculated and presented are on page 3. Definitions of the terms used in the Equity Exposure table are in the Glossary.

# Sector/Industry Exposure (% TNA)

GICS Sector	Net	Index	Relative
Consumer Discretionary	35.7	30.3	5.4
Communication Services	19.3	18.6	0.7
Industrials	19.0	5.6	13.4
Financials	18.2	15.7	2.4
Information Technology	13.9	5.7	8.1
Health Care	13.7	6.2	7.4
Consumer Staples	5.0	5.8	-0.8
Materials	4.7	3.5	1.3
Real Estate	2.6	3.5	-0.9
Utilities	1.6	2.6	-0.9
Energy	0.8	2.5	-1.7
Total Sector Exposure	134.4	100.0	
Other Index / Unclassified	-13.1	0.0	
Total Equity Exposure	121.3	100.0	

# Market Capitalisation Exposure (% TNA)

GBP	Net	Index	Relative
>10bn	35.2	70.8	-35.5
5-10bn	5.8	14.1	-8.3
1-5bn	32.3	10.7	21.6
0-1bn	38.8	0.2	38.6
Total Market Cap Exposure	112.2	95.7	
Other Index / Unclassified	9.1	4.3	
Total Equity Exposure	121.3	100.0	

# Country Exposure (% TNA)

	Net	Index	Relative
China A-Shares	17.0	15.9	1.1
China B-Shares	0.4	0.3	0.1
China H-Shares*	17.2	22.0	-4.8
Red Chips*	8.5	5.5	3.0
Listed in HK**	35.9	48.3	-12.5
Listed in Singapore	0.0	0.0	0.0
Listed in USA	22.1	7.8	14.3
Listed in Taiwan	1.6	0.0	1.6
Listed in Japan	2.6	0.0	2.6
Listed in United Kingdom	1.4	0.0	1.4
Listed in Germany	0.7	0.0	0.7
Unlisted	16.1	0.0	16.1
Other	-2.1	0.0	-2.1
Grand Total	121.3	100.0	21.3

\*\*Non-H-share and non-Red-Chip companies listed in Hong Kong, held by the fund or as part of MSCI China.

# Top Net Long Positions (% TNA)

	GICS Sector	Country	Net	Index	Relative
TENCENT HLDGS LTD	Communication Services	China	11.7	13.1	-1.4
ALIBABA GROUP HOLDING LTD	Consumer Discretionary	China	8.2	8.0	0.1
PONY AI INC	Consumer Discretionary	United States	4.4	0.0	4.4
WUXI APPTEC CO LTD	Health Care	China	2.7	0.3	2.4
DJI INTERNATIONAL COMPANY LTD	Information Technology	China	2.7	0.0	2.7
CHINALIFE INSURANCE CO LTD	Financials	China	2.5	0.7	1.9
CHINA PAC INS GROUP CO LTD	Financials	China	2.2	0.4	1.8
CHINA FOODS LTD	Consumer Staples	China	2.1	0.0	2.1
VENTUROUS HOLDINGS LIMITED	Financials	Grand Cayman (UK Overseas Ter)	2.0	0.0	2.0
CRYSTAL INTERNATIONAL GROUP LTD	Consumer Discretionary	Hong Kong	2.0	0.0	2.0

# Top Overweight Positions (% TNA)

	Net	Index	Relative
PONY AI INC	4.4	0.0	4.4
DJI INTERNATIONAL COMPANY	2.7	0.0	2.7
WUXI APPTEC CO LTD	2.7	0.3	2.4
CHINA FOODS LTD	2.1	0.0	2.1
VENTUROUS HOLDINGS LIMITED	2.0	0.0	2.0
CRYSTAL INTERNATIONAL GROUP	2.0	0.0	2.0
BYTEDANCE LTD	1.9	0.0	1.9
VNET GROUP INC	1.9	0.0	1.9
CHINA LIFE INSURANCE CO LTD	2.5	0.7	1.9
CHINA PAC INS GROUP CO LTD	2.2	0.4	1.8

# Net Long Positions Concentration (% TNA)

	Fund	Index
Top 10	40.5	40.8
Top 20	57.7	51.9
Top 50	91.7	67.3

# Top Underweight Positions (% TNA)

	Net	Index	Relative
MEITUAN	1.2	4.8	-3.6
CHINA CONSTRUCTION BANK	0.0	3.0	-3.0
JD.COM INC	0.4	3.0	-2.6
PINDUODUO INC	0.0	2.0	-2.0
BAIDU INC	0.0	1.5	-1.5
INDUSTRIAL & COML BK CHINA	0.0	1.5	-1.5
BANK OF CHINA LTD	0.0	1.5	-1.5
NETEASE INC	0.0	1.4	-1.4
CHINA MERCHANTS BANK CO LTD	0.0	1.4	-1.4
TENCENT HLDGS LTD	11.7	13.1	-1.4

Full portfolio listings, with the appropriate time lag as agreed by the Board, are available on request from Fidelity Investment Trusts. Figures may not always sum to totals due to rounding



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# Approach and Style

The manager has a disciplined, bottom-up security selection approach. The fund seeks out investments in companies with good long-term prospects, cash generative businesses and companies controlled by strong management teams. Ideally these factors are not well understood by the market, and are therefore not reflected in valuations. The manager also focuses on smaller companies as these tend to be less well researched and, therefore, more mispriced. However, smaller companies tend to be higher risk, so risk management is key and meeting company management teams is essential in order to understand them and monitor their progress. On the long side, the manager looks for undervalued companies where returns are expected to go up over time.

# Administrative & Dealing Information

Financial Year End: Reference currency: Company domicile: Company legal structure: Capital guarantee: ISIN: SEDOL:

Bloomberg: Distribution frequency:

Charges made to income or capital: Other Ongoing Costs (including

AMC/excluding Portfolio transaction costs): Portfolio Transaction Costs:

Annual Management Charge:

31st March UK Sterling (GBP) United Kingdom Investment Trust No GB00B62Z3C74 B62Z3C7 FCSS LN Annual 25/75

1.04% 0.86%

0.90% (net assets) on the first £1.5bn of assets and 0.70% (net) on funds in excess of £1.5bn. +/- 0.20% (based on performance relative to the Market Index)

Last VMF adjustment (+/- 0.2%) applied at month end:

+0.20%

# Portfolio Construction - Explained

This factsheet contains information about the composition of the fund at a particular point in time. It aims to help you understand how the fund manager is positioned to achieve the fund's objectives.

The Equity Exposure table provides an overall view of the fund. Net Equity represents - in percentage terms - how much of the fund is invested in the market, netting off long and short positions. The higher the figure, the more the fund will take part in any market rises (or falls). It is important to note that Net Equity can be greater than 100% (for example if the manager is using derivative contracts) and when it is, the portfolio may be described as greated

The exposure and positioning tables on page 2 break the fund down into a number of different views, each providing a different perspective on the fund's investments.

# How data is calculated and presented

Portfolio composition data has been calculated and presented according to several general principles, which are listed below.

- **Aggregation**: all investments, including derivatives, linked to a particular issuing company have been combined to form a total percentage holding for each company. The aggregate holding is referred to in this factsheet as a position. Where a company is listed in two separate countries, each listing may be classified as a separate issuing company. Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs) and derivatives on ETFs are treated as individual securities ie not aggregated.
- Categorisation: for investments that have underlying securities we use the attributes of the underlying issuing company or common share to determine the appropriate sector, market capitalisation band and geographic area.
- **Derivatives:** all derivatives are included on an exposure basis and, where necessary, are delta-adjusted. Delta-adjusting expresses derivatives in terms of the equivalent number of shares that would be needed to generate the same return.
- "Basket" securities: securities that represent a number of company shares like index futures or options are allocated to categories (such as country) whenever possible. Otherwise they are included in the "Other Index / Unclassified" category.

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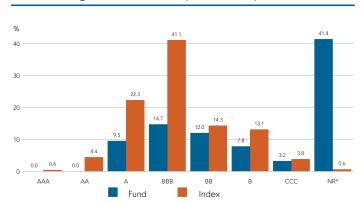
#### **ESG Metrics**

The factsheet is a snapshot of the portfolio at the date indicated above. ESG ratings distribution may vary over time. Representation of this data is for informational purposes only. If the SFDR classification is shown as 6 below then this fund does not promote environmental or social characteristics nor does it have a sustainable investment objective. If it is shown as 8, the fund promotes environmental or social characteristics. If it is shown as 9, the fund has a sustainable investment objective. Product-specific information can be found on our website at www.fidelityinternational.com

# Sustainability Characteristics (31.12.2022)

	Fund	Index
MSCI ESG Fund Rating (AAA-CCC)	N/R	N/R
Weighted Average Carbon Intensity (tCo2e/\$M Revenue)	81.1	238.3
Carbon Footprint (tCO2/\$M Invested)	69.9	235.3
SFDR Classification	N/A	N/A

# MSCI Ratings Distribution % (31.12.2022)



# Glossary

MSCI ESG Fund Rating: This shows the fund's ESG rating based on the Quality Scores given to the fund by MSCI. This ranges from AAA, AA (Leader), A, BBB, BB (Average) to B, CCC (Laggard). To be included in MSCI ESG Fund Ratings, 65% of the fund's gross weight must come from covered securities (and excluding cash), the fund's holdings date must be less than one year old and the fund must have at least ten securities.

Weighted Average Carbon Intensity: is calculated as the sum of each portfolio weight multiplied by the Co2e per \$M of Revenue of each holding. This metric provides a snapshot of the fund's exposure to carbon-intensive companies and includes scope 1 and scope 2 carbon emissions. For carbon data, the coverage of underlying securities must be over 50% for data to be shown.

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Carbon Footprint: Provides a normalized snapshot of the funds contribution to carbon emissions.

SFDR Classification: Shows the classification given to each fund as part of the EU Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR). Article 9 funds aim to achieve an ESG outcome and are products with ESG objectives. Article 8 funds focus on promoting ESG characteristics and this must be a primary focus of the product. Article 6 funds integrate sustainability risks into investment analysis and decision-making, without the funds promoting environmental or social characteristics or having sustainable investments as their objective.

MSCI Ratings Distribution: This shows the percentage distribution of ESG ratings in the fund, based on the Net Asset Value of holdings excluding cash, liquidity funds, derivatives and Exchange Traded Funds.

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### **Equity Exposure notes**

#### **GROSS MARKET EXPOSURE**

Gross Market Exposure is the total of long exposures, plus the total of short exposures, and less the total of exposures hedging the portfolio, expressed as a percentage of shareholders' funds (Total Net Assets).

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The net positive exposure to the market with short and hedge positions subtracted from long positions.OTHER

The value of any non-equity investments (excluding cash funds) expressed as a percentage of TNA.

#### UNINVESTED CASH

This is 100% minus the fund's Net Equity exposure and minus Other. This leaves any residual cash exposure that is not invested in shares or via derivatives.

#### Investment Trust Facts

#### NAV

The total value of a company's assets less the total value of its liabilities is its net asset value (NAV). For valuation purposes it is common to divide net assets by the number of shares in issue to give the net assets per share. NAV calculations can include or exclude current financial year income. For the purposes of this factsheet, they are valued with assets including income and costs and with debt valued at the market.

#### **PREMIUM**

If the share price of an investment company is higher than the net asset value (NAV) per share, the company is said to be trading at a premium. The premium is shown as a percentage of the NAV.

#### DISCOLINIT

If the share price of an investment company is lower than the net asset value (NAV) per share, the company is said to be trading at a discount. The discount is shown as a percentage of the NAV.

### **GEARING**

Gearing is the Market Exposure figure (either gross or net) expressed in excess of Total Net Assets. It represents the additional exposure to the market above Shareholders' Funds.

## FAIR VALUE

The fair value of investments is initially taken to be their cost and is subsequently measured as follows: Listed investments are valued at bid prices, or last market prices, depending on the convention of the exchange on which they are listed; and

Unlisted investments are investments which are not quoted, or are not frequently traded, are stated at the Directors' best estimate of fair value and take account of the cost of the investment, recent arm's length transactions in the same or similar investments and financial performance of the investment since purchase.

### General notes

# TOTAL NET ASSETS (TNA)

The Company's total assets minus its total liabilities - also known as Shareholders' Funds. It represents the amount by which a company is financed through common and preferred shares.

### **INDEX**

The index used in the positioning tables on page 2 is the index defined in the Performance Comparator section on page 1.

## TOP NET LONG POSITIONS

Those companies in which the largest percentages of the trust's total net assets are effectively invested. Positions in other funds – including ETFs (Exchange Traded Funds) - can appear in this table, but index derivatives form part of an "Other Index / Unclassified" category which will not appear.

# TOP OVERWEIGHT & UNDERWEIGHT POSITIONS

Those positions which have the largest active weight relative to the index. Positions in other funds - including ETFs (Exchange Traded Funds) - can appear in this table, but index derivatives form part of an "Other Index / Unclassified" category which will not appear. In the underweight table, any short position names have been withheld in line with Fidelity's disclosure policy.

## NET LONG POSITIONS CONCENTRATION

Illustrates the weight of the top 10, 20 and 50 positions in the trust and the weight of the top 10, 20 and 50 positions in the index. It does not attempt to show the coincidence of security ownership between fund and index. The sector/industry classification used (i.e. GICS, ICB, TOPIX and IPD) varies by fund. Full descriptions can be found below.



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# ONGOING COSTS (KID)

These include Portfolio transaction costs (the costs of us buying and selling underlying investments) and Other ongoing costs (the costs that we take each year for managing the investment).

These are based on the methodology prescribed by EU Regulation (PRIIPS) and differ from other presentations of costs such as the Ongoing Charge Figure (OCF) in the Company's Annual Report & Accounts.

#### PORTFOLIO TRANSACTION COSTS

These are costs incurred when trading underlying investments.

#### SECTOR INDUSTRY CLASSIFICATION

GICS: Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS) was developed by Standard & Poor's and MSCI Barra. GICS consists of 11 sectors, 24 industry groups, 68 industries and 157 sub-industries.

More information is available at http://www.standardandpoors.com/indices/gics/en/us

ICB: The Industry Classification Benchmark (ICB) is an industry classification developed by Dow Jones and FTSE. It is used to segregate markets into sectors within the macroeconomy. The ICB uses a system of 10 industries, partitioned into 20 supersectors, which are further divided into 41 sectors, which then contain 114 subsectors.

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